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Question:

Refer to Exhibit MJM-3, at 6. Please explain the line item "Unrecovered Prior Spent Nuclear Fuel."

Response:

The line item on Exhibit MJM-3, page 6, labeled "Unrecovered Prior Spent Nuclear Fuel" reflects the one-time fee owed to the Department of Energy (DOE) for the disposal of nuclear fuel used to generate electricity before April 7, 1983 per the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. The Company is also required to include interest on the DOE disposal fee which has been recovered through customer rates. Most recently the interest was recovered as part of the transition charge and included in Exhibit MJM-3, Page 7. The recovery of interest was discontinued as of September 30, 2004 based on the Department's decision in DTE 03-82.